



MCS WAS FOUNDED TO PROVIDE A QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE.



THE SCHOOL'S MISSION IS TO DEVELOP THE ENTIRE PERSON BY PROVIDING AN ACADEMICALLY SUPERIOR EDUCATION FOUNDED AND CENTERED UPON THE BIBLE. THE SCHOOL RECOGNIZES THAT OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH



AFFECTS EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE AND HAS DEVELOPED A PHILOSOPHY TO EDUCATE THE TOTAL STUDENT - MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

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Medinah minute

Administrator's Final Note - *Kenneth T. Parris*

Twenty years ago I came to Medinah Christian School fresh out of college. I graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist (now Cornerstone University) in May and headed for Medinah in June of 1991. I can remember my first day here at MCS, it was Teacher Orientation and I wanted to make a good impression on my new colleagues - I wanted to begin my career by coming in early and always staying late. Teacher orientation was to start at 9:00 a.m. so I arrived at 8:30 a.m. Feeling very confident, I entered the teacher's lounge to find out that orientation actually started at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Burkert (then MCS Administrator) had a chair set up for me facing the corner of the teacher's lounge. . . great first impression!

Yet even with my first embarrassing moment, I knew Medinah was home for me. Mr. Burkert had a great sense of humor and welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like family. The tag line at Medinah Baptist Church is "A Place To Call Home", Medinah Christian School has been my family's home for the past twenty years. Michelle and I have seen each of our children enter the world here in IL, at Medinah - I can still remember each time I shared with our staff that Michelle was pregnant. Kenny's announcement really

shocked all of us :) But with each child and each endeavor, Medinah was there supporting and encouraging us! Michelle and I were loved on and cared for more than we thought humanly possible . . . but that's Medinah, a place where people love on you! Love came from MCS families as well as the staff here at school. All three of our children have been blessed to be taught by the greatest teachers in the world. Thank you Medinah for teaching my kids about the love of the Lord and reinforcing the values Michelle and I teach our kids at home.

Along with the fabulous teachers here at MCS, each one of our kids found life-long friends coming from Godly families here at MCS. Alyssa continues to draw close to Kelsey Furlong as the two of them graduated high school together on June 5, 2011. The bond between Maddie and Ashley deRamos will never be broken, and Kenny will eternally love Logan Alwan and try to spend every minute he can with him! These are just a few examples of the great friendships our kids have developed here at MCS; but not just our kids, both Michelle and I have been blessed to develop life-long friendships too. Michelle can't imagine working out without her "workout buddies" and I have no idea what I am

going to do every Thursday night (I have been playing racquetball with two very special men for almost two years now). Working out and playing racquetball with friends will be missed, but so will the countless men and women who have done so much with us and for us; the dinners, the small groups, the 5K Run Club, the outings, watching sporting events together - all will be missed. Each of you know that in reality that it is not the activity that we will miss . . . it is you; your prayers, encouragement, and friendship will never be replaced. From education to families, from friends to the best staff ever assembled . . . we not only will miss you, but always love you!

Medinah Christian School has adopted the theme verses from Philippians 4:4-7 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ." (NIV) MCS has taught and encouraged our family to seek the peace of God. Even though this move may be emotionally hard on all our families, we can all have the peace of God knowing that we have

placed this decision at His feet. The door to Conestoga Christian School would not have been opened if God would not have opened it; just as He opened the doors of Medinah Christian School for us 20 years ago. God is our sustaining strength and power – He is the one we look to for understanding and wisdom. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to “trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on our own understanding; in all our ways acknowledge Him, and He will make our path straight.” For the past 20 years our path has been here at MCS, we now move to CCS because God is moving us there. Just as He will provide for us, He will provide for you! Never take your eyes off of the Lord. Seek Him FIRST and as Matthew 6:33 declares . . . the rest will be added unto you!

As I close, please know you will be in our prayers and we will always covet yours. Our door is always open to you if you ever find yourself in Morgantown, PA. But if you ever just want to chat or keep in touch you can find me on Facebook (I will be on more – I promise) or email me at kparris1709@gmail.com. May God keep you and bless you more than you ever thought possible.

In Him,

Ken



Conservatory Recital >>> by Gayle Lollar

The annual MCS Conservatory Recital was held in the Worship Center Tuesday, May 24. The evening was filled with beautiful music as 36 students performed. The recital represented students playing piano, singing, or playing the harp. This was the first year the conservatory included the harp. It was a wonderful evening as we celebrated the gift of music God has given to our students.

A special thanks to our conservatory staff:

Rebecca Domke - Piano

Gayle Lollar - Piano

Dale Newbrough - Piano, guitar, drums

Michelle Parris - Piano

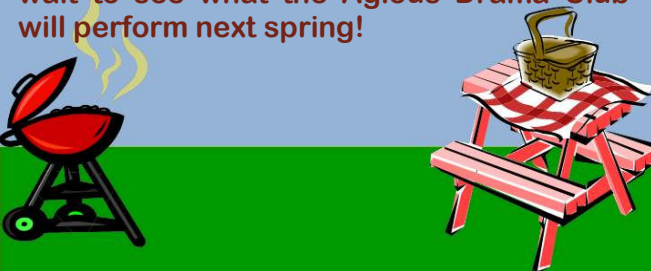
Helga Simms - Piano

Barbara Staley - Piano, Voice

Sharon Crabbe - Harp



Our spring play, SUMMER OF KAOS, was a huge success and was thankfully "kaos" free! The actors and actresses from 3rd through 8th grade all did an incredible job bringing the story of Kamp Kaos to life. Even though we had the most actors on stage than our past spring dramas, it was one of the smoothest performances we've had because of their hard work, dedication, and talent. The audience and actors alike filled the auditorium with laughter at our performance and we can't wait to see what the Agious Drama Club will perform next spring!



8th Grade

Field Trip

This year's 8th grade class trip was another success! Fourteen students, Mr. Parris, Mrs. Guzzardo, and Miss Domke traveled down to Orlando and took Walt Disney World by storm. The skies were clear the entire trip, and the 90 degree weather was, for most, a welcomed change from May in Chicago. Students and chaperones arrived at Midway airport very early in the morning and landed in Florida just in time to grab a quick lunch at the hotel and then spend the day in Magic Kingdom. On Saturday, the group put on their sunscreen and headed over to Blizzard Beach, one of Disney's

waterparks. Only a few dared to try Summit Plummet, the 120-foot high waterslide that has a 12-story drop and speeds riders at 50-60 mph! On Sunday, MCS went to Hollywood Studios, where everyone braved the Rock "N" Rollercoaster and the Tower of Terror. The day ended with Fantasmic, one of Disney's most elaborate fireworks shows. On Monday, students were able to spend the early afternoon shopping at Downtown Disney before flying home. While the chaperones might have been tuckered out, the 8th graders still weren't. They took pictures, talked with friends, and enjoyed every moment of their final MCS days together.



Coming in June:

At the end of June we will be mailing out the following items:

- School Calendar
- Supply List
- Music Conservatory Information
- Athletic Program Information



8th Grade Graduates

Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates! Our prayers are with you as you head to high school. Remember, we are praying for you and don't forget to stop in and say hello sometime!

Lucas Charles Bennett

Joshua Michael Casey

Andrea Maria Culotta

Anna Evalyn Falsone

Jacob Joseph Lawson

Cora Lott

Sarah Annie Mariscal

Naveen Simon Mathai

Kathryn Lynn Reninger

Alexandria Victoria Sandoval

Claire Spindler

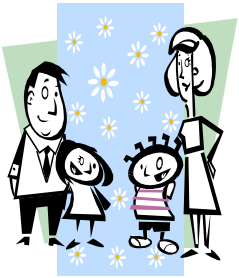
Emily Grace Thomsen

Hannah Joy Tolentino

Gloria Joy Winters

Matthew Thomas Wisla

Upcoming Events



August 23, August 23, 2011

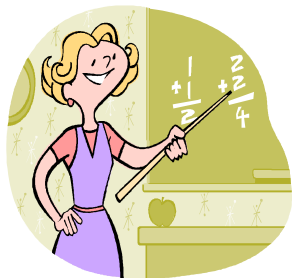
New Family Reception

New families are welcomed at this reception where they can meet the School Board, the PTF Board and learn more about school

August 25, 2011

Open House / Back to School Night

Come meet your teachers, learn about the upcoming year, fellowship with your classmates, see Medinah Wear and what PTF has to offer.



August 29, 2011

1st Day of School

We cannot wait for our doors to open and our hallways to be filled with students!



ALL FAMILIES MUST BE ENROLLED WITH FACTS FOR THE 2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

It has been decided by the school board that MCS will be using the business management systems called FACTS for tuition & fees collection. The deadline to sign-up for the Pay In Full or the 12 month plan has already passed. If you were enrolled with FACTS this past school year, you still need to reaffirm your account with the school office by returning the FACTS Agreement Form. If you have misplaced your Agreement Form please contact the school office. Families who paid their tuition in full already must still enroll with FACTS. To enroll with FACTS, simply log-on to your Edline account and click on the FACTS - Enrollment link found in the Link section at the bottom right-hand corner of Edline. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Alwan in the school office.

PTF News

Elections were held in May for the PTF.

President: Renee Lange

Vice President: Natalia Germanovich

Treasurer: Raquel Nelsen

Secretary: Amy Langfelder

The President & Treasurer terms will only be for 1 year. They are fulfilling the remainder of those terms.

Next PTF Meeting is August 2 at 7 p.m. in the teacher's lounge.

Honor Roll

Honor Roll consists of students receiving all "B's" and at least one "A".



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Third Grade

Jacob Anderson
Cole Cameron
Elliot Kraft
Grace McCormick
Madelyn Mittel
Nicolette Nevrlly
Victoria Thomason
Hadley Williams

Fourth Grade

Trinity Curley
Jillian DeMilio
Cassandra Hendry
Alexandria Johnsen
Ruth Kirkwood
Luke Kuenstler
Faith Lange
Bernard Norton
Daniel Zuk

Fifth Grade

Aubrey Cameron
Rylee Hafee
Jacob Saathoff
Savhanna Thiry
Breana Turner
Lucinda Wilson
Jenna Winters

Sixth Grade

Devin Carr
Rachel Greco
Noah Kotowski
Joshua Lange
Julia Nelsen
Andi Pivaronas

Eighth Grade

Joshua Casey
Andrea Culotta
Naveen Mathai
Kathryn Reninger
Alexandria Sandoval
Claire Spindler
Emily Thomsen
Hannah Tolentino

Seventh Grade

Ryan Anderson
Timothy Grider
Callie Johnson

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Raymond Ellingsen
Emeli Guthrie
Nathan Hamilton
Kallie Pankau
Angelina Saathoff
Juliana Saviano
Ezri Sutter

Fourth Grade

Jordan Alwan
Caterina Arcuri
Olivia Bigler
Jaden Duenas
Cameron Menini
Jenna Nelsen
Graham Spindler
Taylor Troutman
Olivia Winters

Fifth Grade

Josiah Campbell
Caleb Laschinski
Olivia Mann
Nicolette Pilalis
Rhea Yalamanchili

Sixth Grade

Talia Culotta
Leland Haigh
Sajina Jacob
Holland Kosiek
Cassidy Kraft
Alec Lawson
Braden Menini
Kyle Rittmueller
Dugan Studebaker
Caleb Westering
Cooper Williams
Samantha Wolf

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Miranda Mann

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